

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1-16 and 18-22.

The above amendment is responsive to points set forth in the Official Action dated March 18, 2003 in the parent application.

The parent application, claims 1 and 16-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Hintermaier et al. (U.S. 6,500,489).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The features of claim 17 have been incorporated into claim 1.

The effect of this amendment is as follows:

Hintermaier teaches an SBT precursor solution comprising Sr alkoxide, Bi alkoxide and Ta alkoxide, as is indicated by the Examiner. However, it does not disclose or suggest the coating solution containing organometallic compound where at least two metal alkoxides selected from among Sr alkoxide (metal A alkoxide), Ta alkoxide (metal B alkoxide) and Bi alkoxide form a composite metal alkoxide. In the present invention, by compositing two or more dissimilar metal alkoxides, the precipitation (segregation) and burning-away of individual metallic elements and thereby, the generation of leak currents can be effectively suppressed (see page 10, line 15 to page 11, line 19 in the present specification). These are supported by Examples.

With regard to the rejection of claim 21 as indefinite, the rejection states that claim 21 recites only the intended future hydrolysis of the coating solution and does not materially limit the solution of the claims from which claim 21 depends.

In reply, this has been corrected by the above amendment.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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